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AIR DEVILS
CHAPTER II

WITH
"HOT
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I'LL GIVE
YOU THREE
TO STOP AND
SURRENDER YOU
"WO-FACED KATS"
ONE...
TWO...

OH, NO,
YOU DON'T,
SONNY BOY! IF
YOU MEANT
THAT MORE, HLL,
I GUDE!

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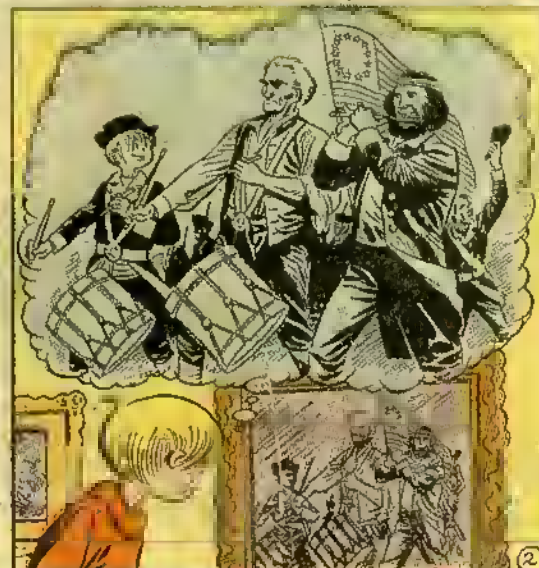
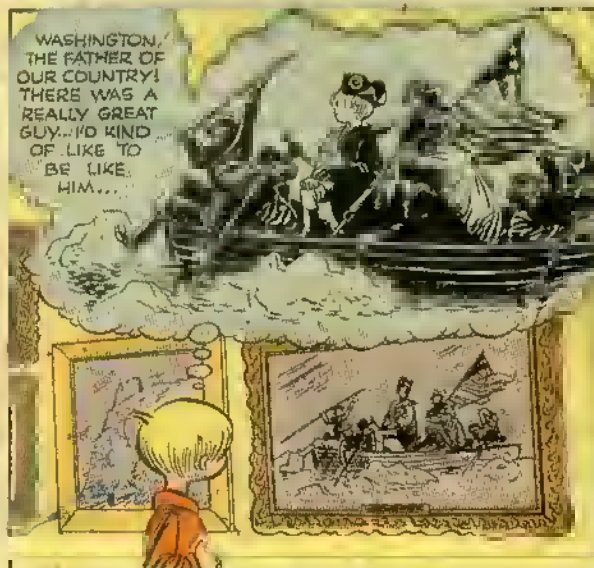
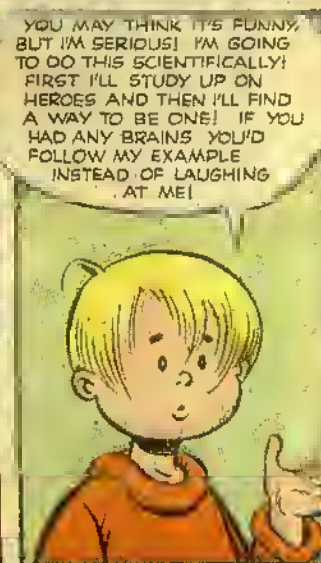
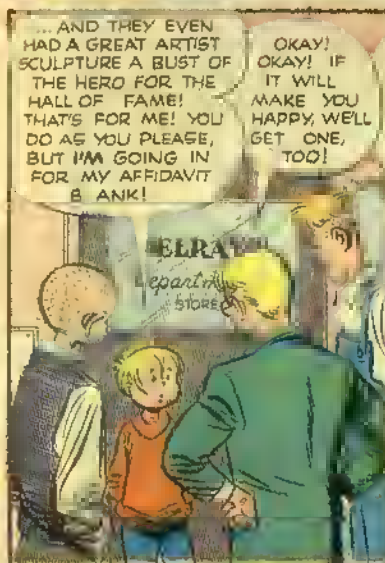
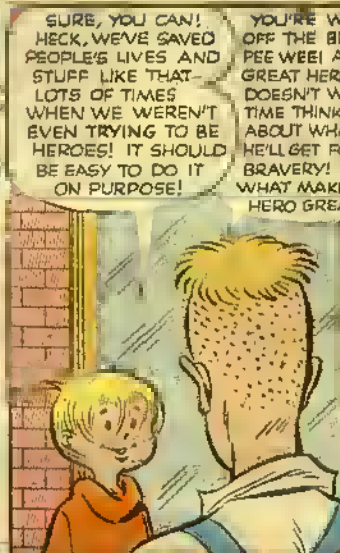
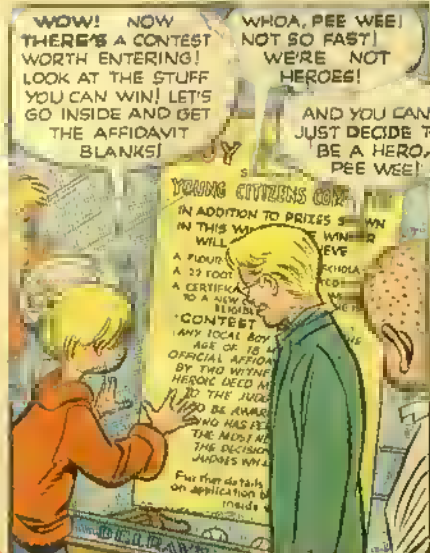
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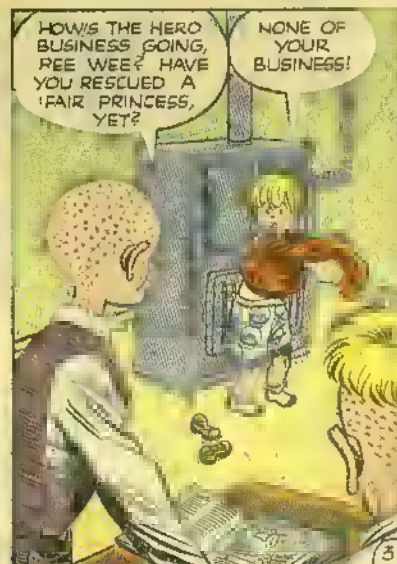
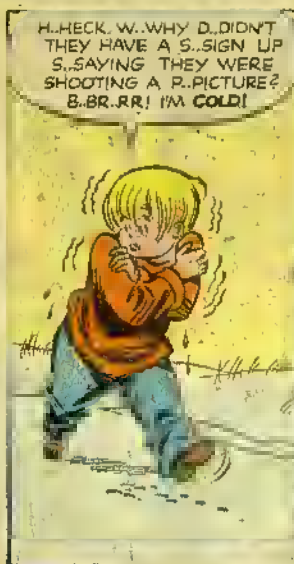
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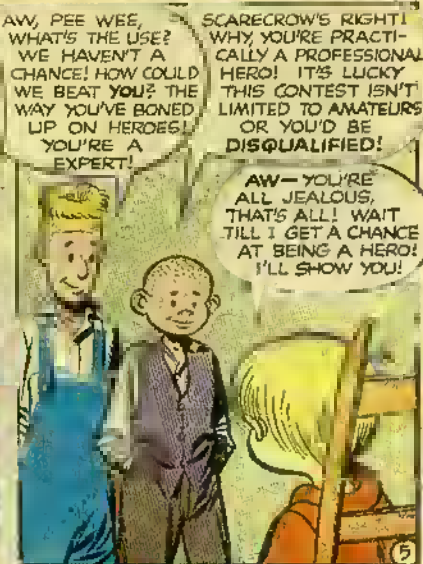
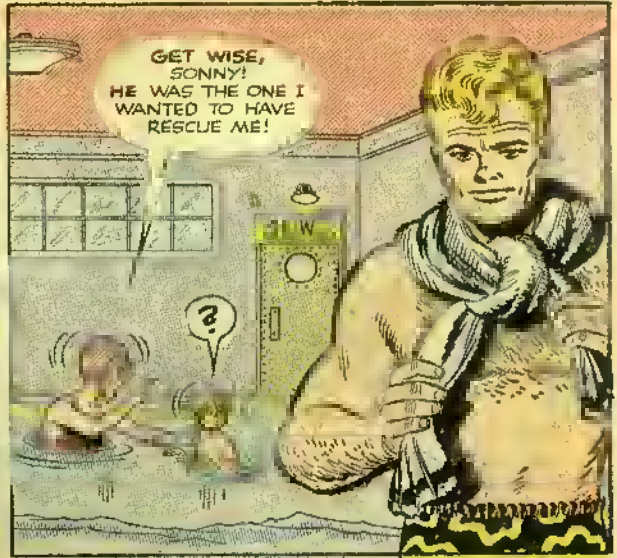
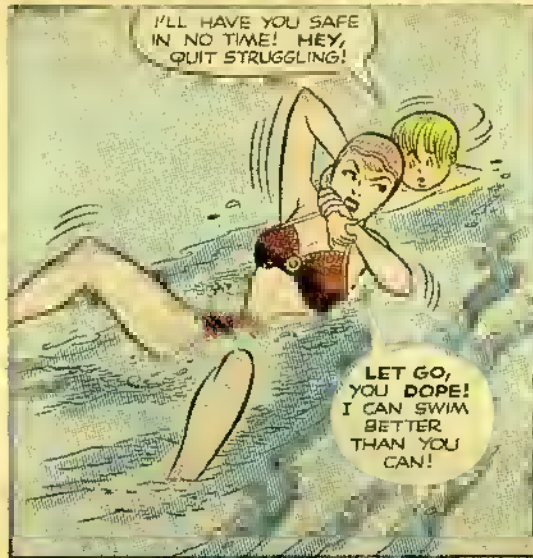
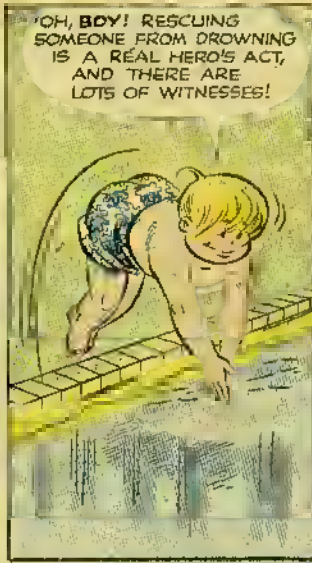
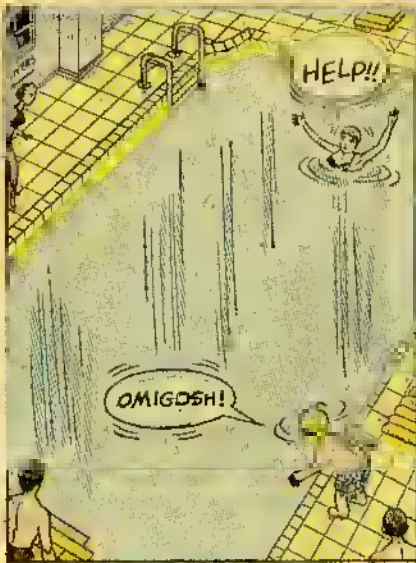
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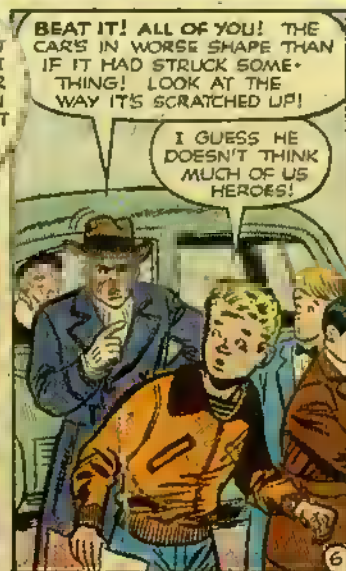
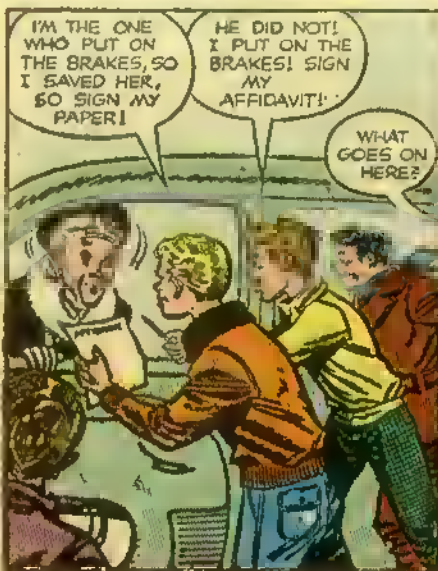
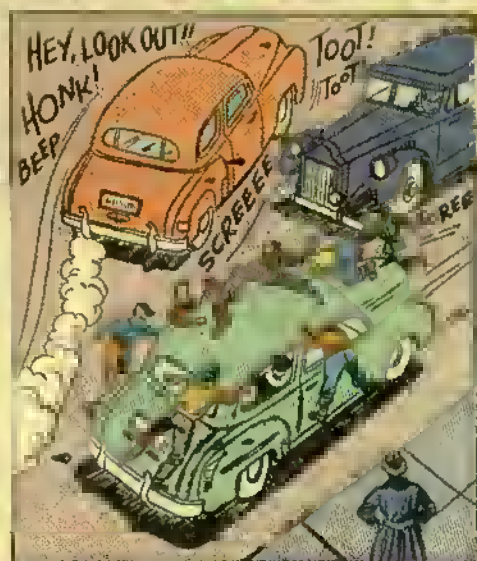
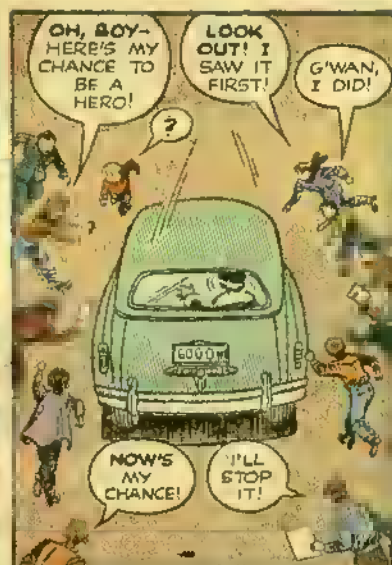
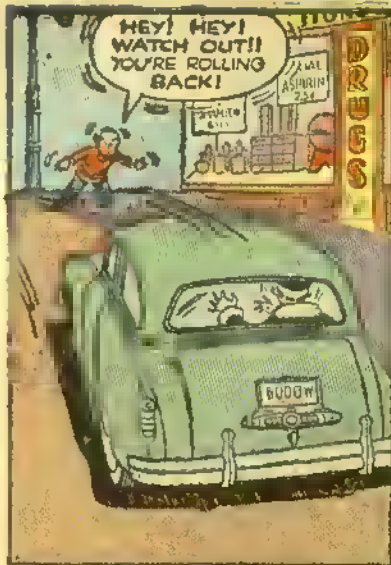
THERE ARE NO BARGAIN SALES IN HEROISM! DESTINY WILL NOT BE ALTERED FOR SELFISH PERSONAL GAIN! NO AMOUNT OF SALESMANSHIP CAN LURE A PERSON'S LOVE! HE WILL RESPOND ONLY TO SINCERITY AND THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT THE DESIRE FOR AFFECTION IS HEARTFELT BY THE SEEKER! BY THE SAME TOKEN, IN THE TRUE SENSE THERE ARE NO PROFESSIONAL HEROES! A DEED IS HEROIC ONLY WHEN IT IS MINUS COMMERCIALISM! THE TRUE HERO NEVER CONSIDERS THE REWARD BEFORE THE ACT! NATURE SEEMS TO CONTROL THAT PHENOMENON, AND NO AMOUNT OF MERCENARY CUNNING CAN OUTWIT ITS MAGICAL CHEMISTRY! PEE WEE WILL LONG REMEMBER ALL HIS WASTED EFFORT TO CHANGE THE NATURE OF HEROISM...

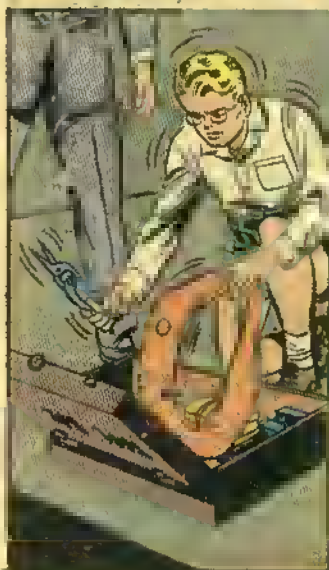
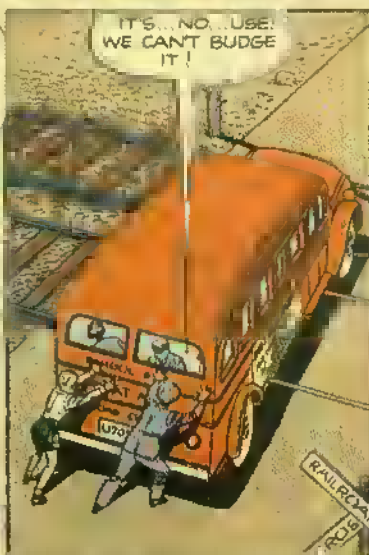
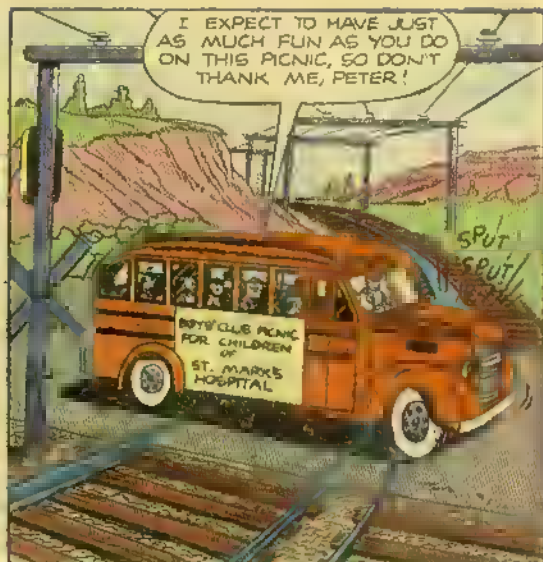
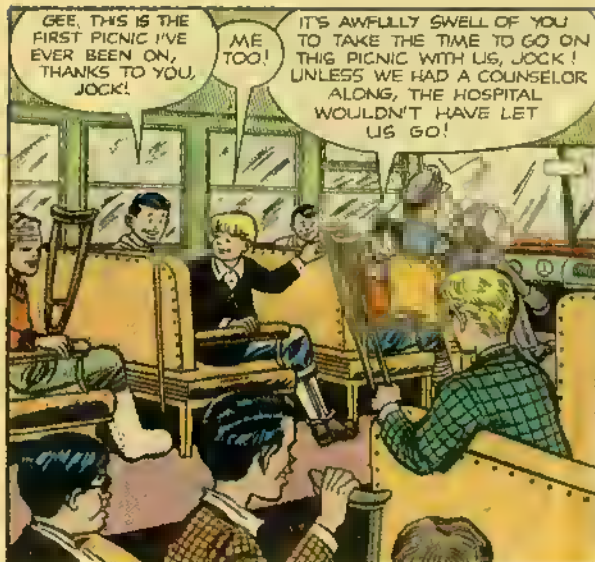
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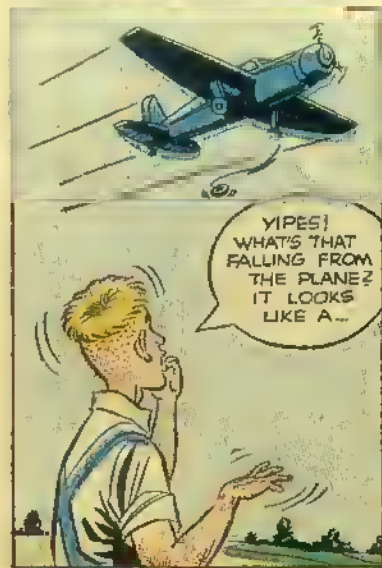
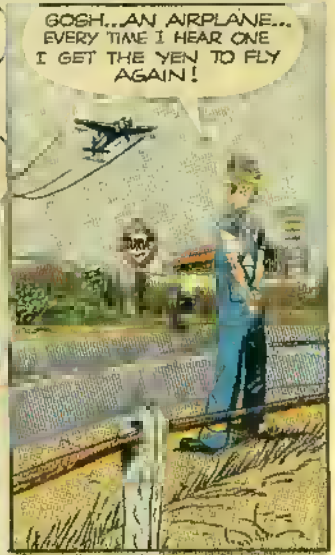
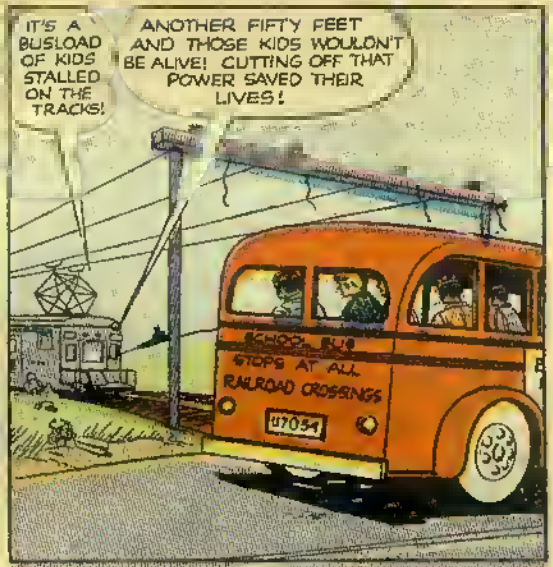
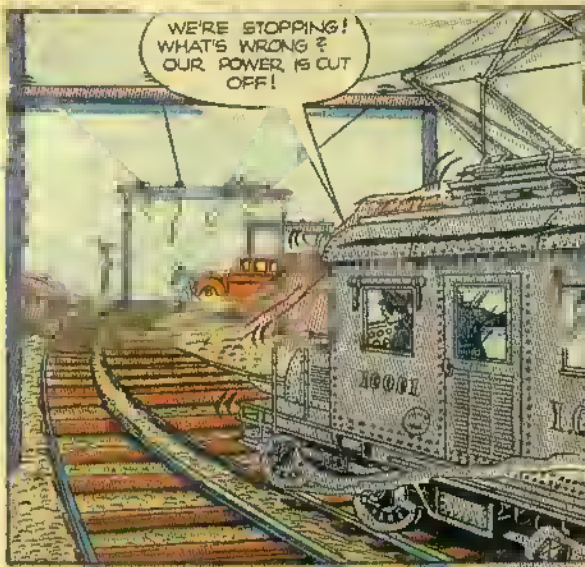


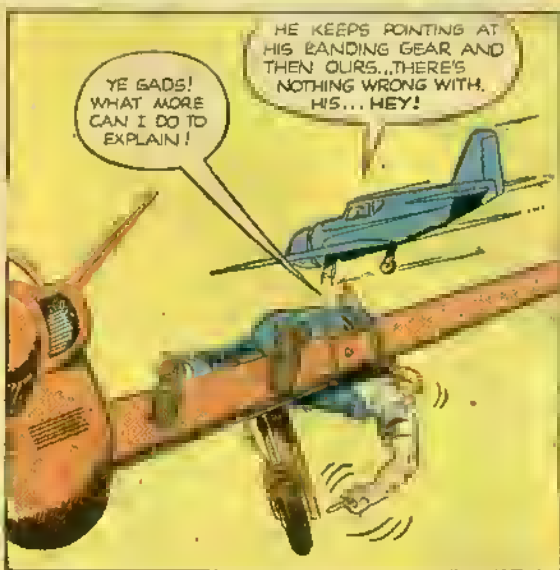


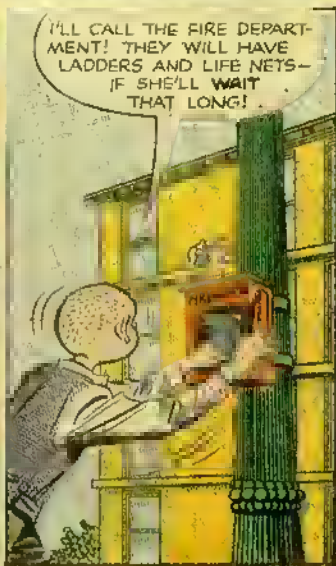
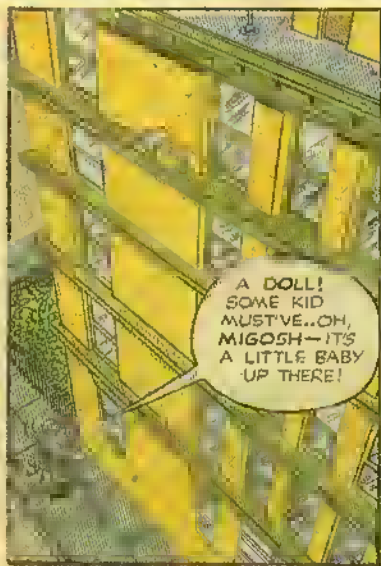
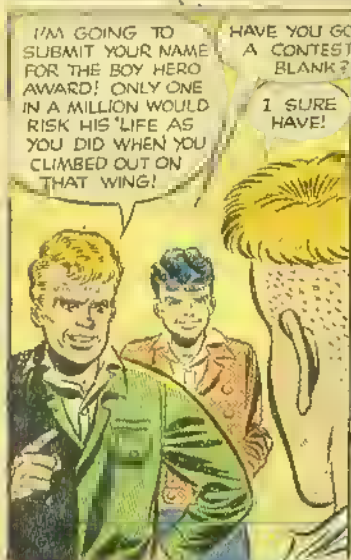
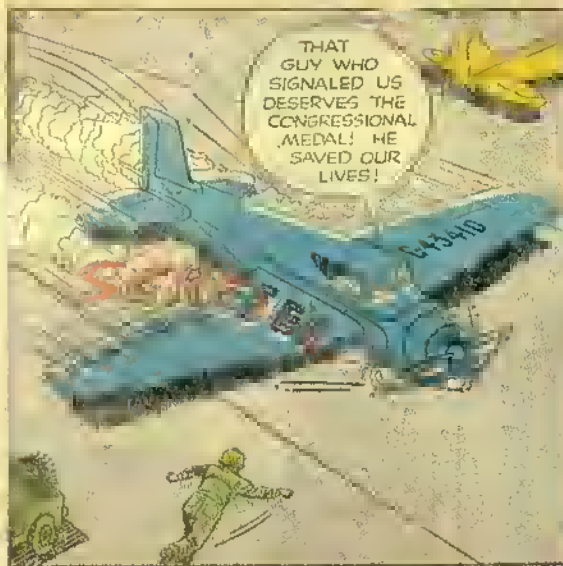














GOLLY! IT'S THE LITTLE WALKER KID! ONE WRONG MOVE AND SHE'S A GONER!



OH, MY BABY! MY LITTLE BABY!

IT'S A LITTLE KID ON THAT LEDGE!

HERE COMES THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!

IF SHE MOVES AN INCH SHE'LL TOPPLE OFF!

HOW DREADFUL!



HELLO, LITTLE GIRL... (DON'T LET ME SCARE HER...) LOOK, HERE'S YOUR NICE LITTLE DOLLY... (SHE MUSTN'T MOVE... SHE MUSTN'T!) YOU STAY RIGHT THERE AND I'LL BRING HER TO YOU!



IT'S-IT'S BETTY! IT'S MY LITTLE GIRL, BETTY! DON'T LET HER FALL! DO SOMETHING!

WE'VE LIFE NETS READY BUT WE DON'T DARE PUT UP LADDER FOR FEAR WE'LL SCARE HER! IT'S UP TO THAT BOY UP THERE! IF HE CAN TIME!



WHEW! NOW YOU JUST HOLD YOUR DOLLY! OKAY, BELOW, I'VE GOT HER!

NICE MAN'S GOT MY DOLLY FOR ME! BAD DOLLY FALL DOWN!

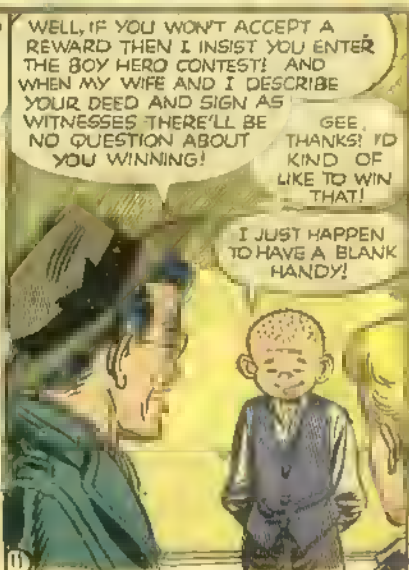


NICE GOING, SON! ONE MORE FOOT AND YOU'RE SAFE!



YOU'RE A HERO! YOU SAVED MY LITTLE BETTY! WHAT CAN WE DO TO REPAY YOU!

ANYONE WOULD HAVE DONE IT, MA'AM! I'M JUST GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED TO HER!



WELL, IF YOU WON'T ACCEPT A REWARD THEN I INSIST YOU ENTER THE BOY HERO CONTEST! AND WHEN MY WIFE AND I DESCRIBE YOUR DEED AND SIGN AS WITNESSES THERE'LL BE NO QUESTION ABOUT YOU WINNING!

GEE, THANKS! I'D KIND OF LIKE TO WIN THAT!

I JUST HAPPEN TO HAVE A BLANK HANDY!

ISN'T IT THE DARNEST THING, THE WAY WE'VE ALL DONE SOMETHING HEROIC—EXCEPT PEE WEE, OF COURSE! I THINK YOU'LL WIN THE AWARD!

HECK, NO! EITHER YOU OR CURLY WILL! I DIDN'T REALLY RISK MY LIFE LIKE YOU DID!

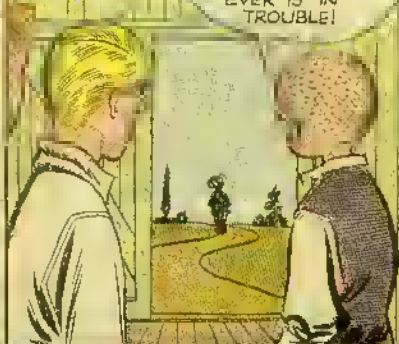
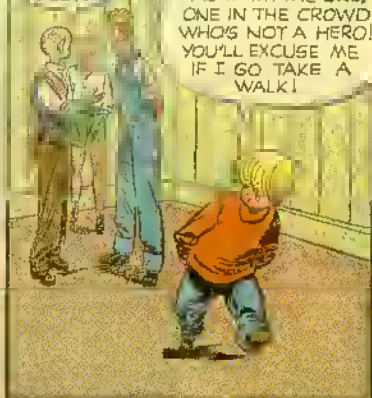
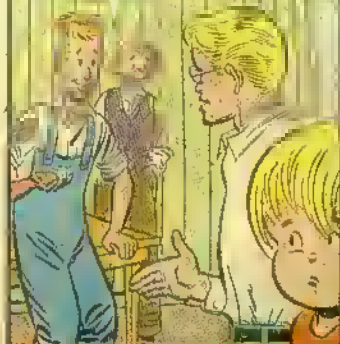
THEN I THINK SCARECROW RATES IT! I WAS ONLY FIVE STORIES UP! HE WAS 2,000 FEET!

YOU GET KILLED JUST AS FAST FALLING FIVE STORIES AS 2,000 FEET—MAYBE FASTER!

WELL...IT LOOKS AS IF I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE CROWD WHO'S NOT A HERO! YOU'LL EXCUSE ME IF I GO TAKE A WALK!

POOR PEE WEE! HE'S TRIED SO HARD TO BE A HERO! I WISH HE'D GET A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING! HE TAKES IT ALL SO SERIOUSLY!

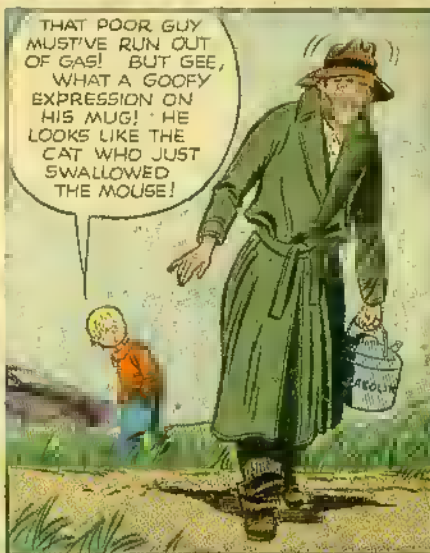
BUT IT JUST PROVES YOU CAN'T DECIDE TO BE ONE! IT JUST HAPPENS... AND WHEN IT DOES, YOU HAVEN'T TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT! YOU JUST DO ALL YOU CAN TO HELP WHO-EVER IS IN TROUBLE!



IT'S FATE-- THAT'S WHAT IT IS! I TRIED SO HARD TO BE A HERO AND I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE! GUESS I'M JUST A FLOP!



THAT POOR GUY MUST'VE RUN OUT OF GAS! BUT GEE, WHAT A GOOFY EXPRESSION ON HIS MUG! HE LOOKS LIKE THE CAT WHO JUST SWALLOWED THE MOUSE!



HELLO! POLICE DEPARTMENT? THIS IS DR. HOMES OF THE STATE ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE! A PATIENT, JOHN BARR, HAS ESCAPED! HE'S AN INCURABLE PYROMANIAC AND SHOULD BE CAPTURED AT ALL COSTS! HE'S ABOUT 5'10", IRON GREY HAIR, A FURTIVE, INSANE EXPRESSION IN EYES...



COVER ALL ROADS FROM THE EAST! A PYROMANIAC HAS ESCAPED FROM THE STATE INSANE ASYLUM! NOTIFY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CALL OUT ITS RESERVES AND ISSUE EVERY POLICEMAN ON THE FORCE A COPY OF THIS DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN...



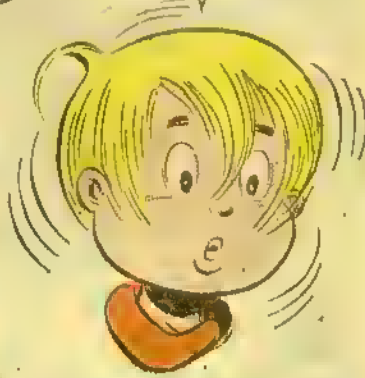
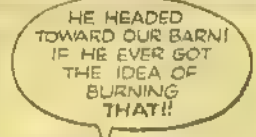
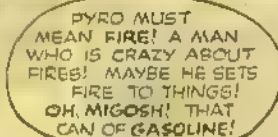
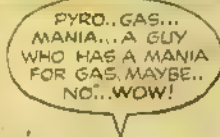
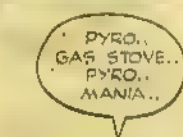
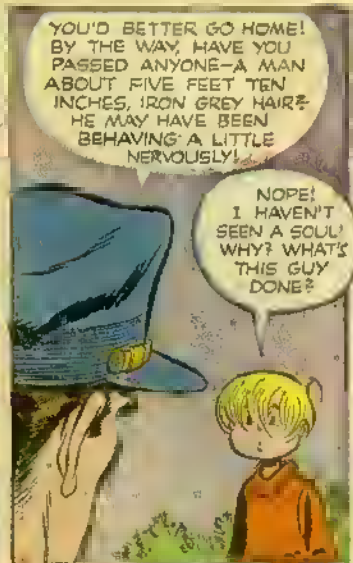
MY CAR RAN OUT OF GAS ABOUT TEN BLOCKS FROM HERE! CAN I GET ENOUGH GAS TO GET HER GOING SO I CAN DRIVE HERE AND GET FILLED UP?

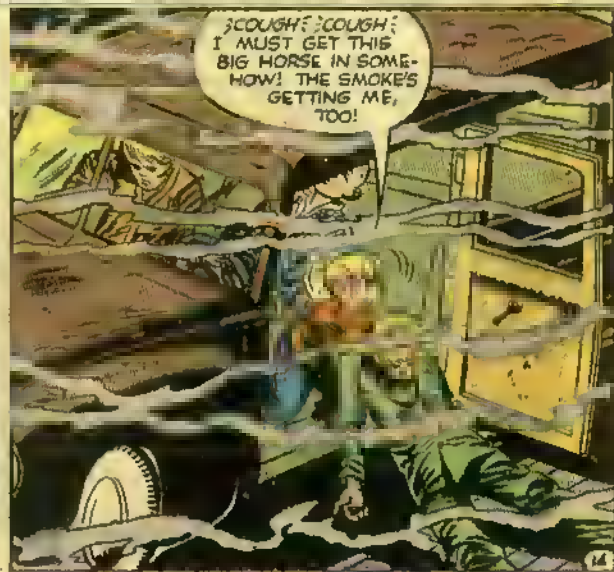
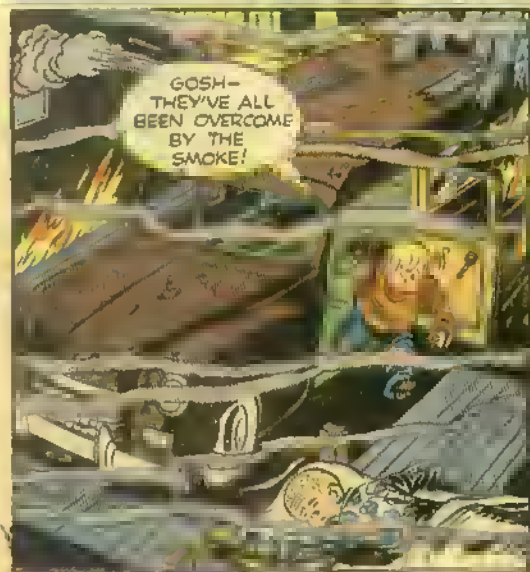
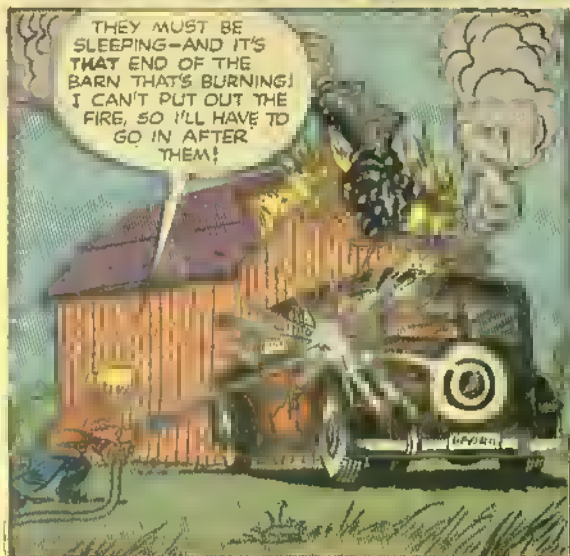
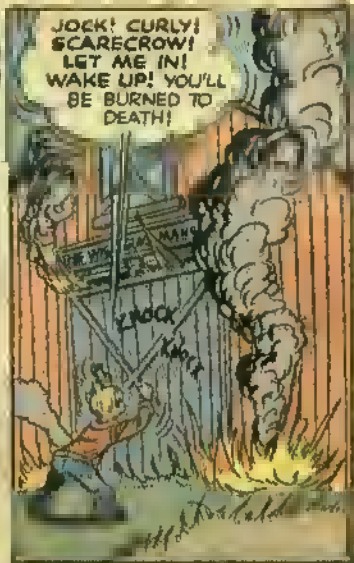
YOU SURE CAN, MISTER! HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?

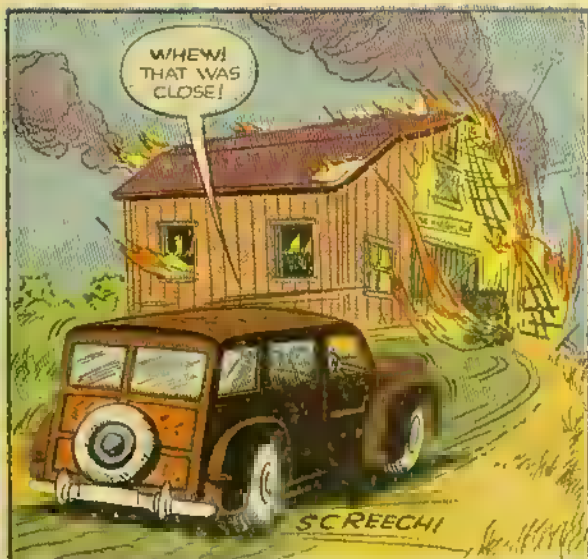
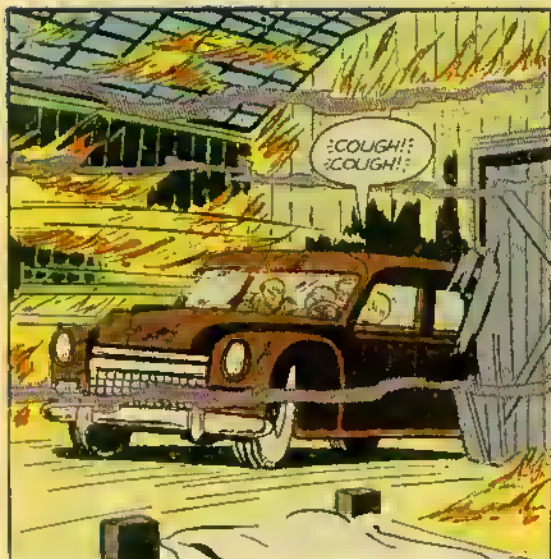


THIS GAS WILL MAKE A PRETTY FIRE! I'LL FIND A FINE, BIG HOUSE TO BURN!







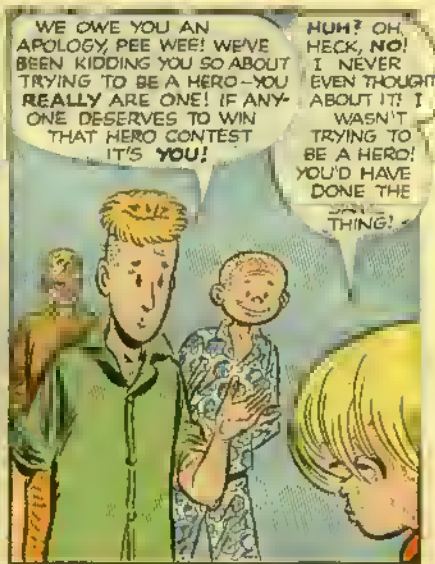




FOR THE LUVVA MIKE! THE KID CAUGHT THAT ESCAPED INMATE FROM THE ASYLUM SINGLEHANDED!

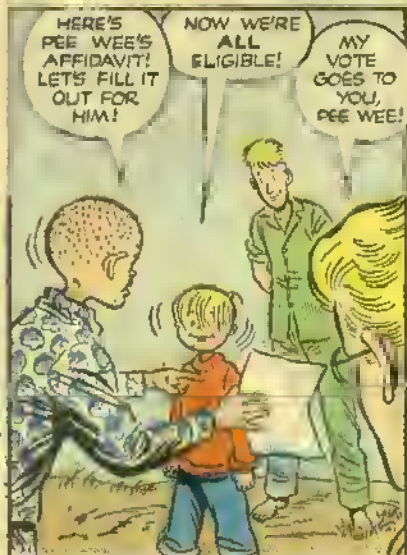


HE DID MORE THAN THAT! HE SMASHED HIS WAY INTO THE BARN IN THE CAR AND MANAGED TO HAUL ALL OF US OUT BESIDES! GEE, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU DID IT, PEE WEE!



WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, PEE WEE! WE'VE BEEN KIDDING YOU SO ABOUT TRYING TO BE A HERO-YOU REALLY ARE ONE! IF ANYONE DESERVES TO WIN THAT HERO CONTEST IT'S YOU!

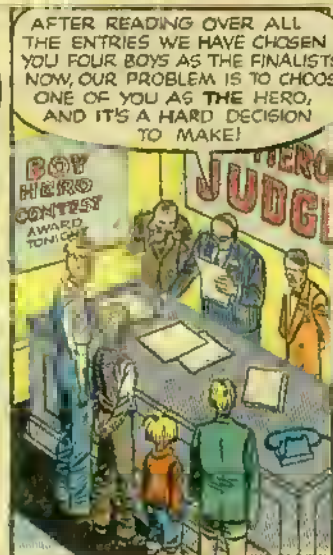
HUH? OH, HECK, NO! I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT IT! I WASN'T TRYING TO BE A HERO! YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME THING!



HERE'S PEE WEE'S AFFIDAVIT! LET'S FILL IT OUT FOR HIM!

NOW WE'RE ALL ELIGIBLE!

MY VOTE GOES TO YOU, PEE WEE!



AFTER READING OVER ALL THE ENTRIES WE HAVE CHOSEN YOU FOUR BOYS AS THE FINALISTS! NOW, OUR PROBLEM IS TO CHOOSE ONE OF YOU AS THE HERO, AND IT'S A HARD DECISION TO MAKE!



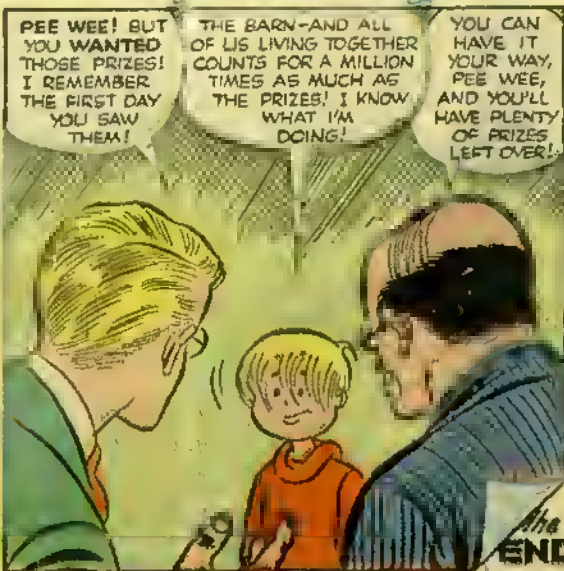
MAY I MAKE A SUGGESTION? SINCE PEE WEE SAVED ALL OUR LIVES AS WELL AS CAPTURING THAT DANGEROUS PYROMANIAC, IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS THE BIGGEST HERO! IT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL FOR SOMEONE TO SAVE THREE HEROES! DO YOU AGREE, CURLY AND SCARECROW?

WE SURE DO! I WAIVE MY CHANCE AS WINNER IN FAVOR OF PEE WEE!



PEE WEE, SINCE ALL THE FINALISTS WANT YOU TO WIN, AND THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE VERY SOUND, I HEREBY DECLARE YOU THE HERO OF HEROES AND WINNER OF ALL THE PRIZES!

G. GOLLY! IMAGINE IT! ME-THE WINNER! THANK YOU! THERE'S JUST ONE THING-CAN I PLEASE SELL THE PRIZES SO WE'LL HAVE MONEY TO GET THE BARN REPAIRED!



PEE WEE! BUT YOU WANTED THOSE PRIZES! I REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY YOU SAW THEM!

THE BARN-AND ALL OF HIS LIVING TOGETHER COUNTS FOR A MILLION TIMES AS MUCH AS THE PRIZES! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

YOU CAN HAVE IT YOUR WAY, PEE WEE, AND YOU'LL HAVE PLenty OF PRIZES LEFT OVER!

THE END

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I TRAINED THESE MEN

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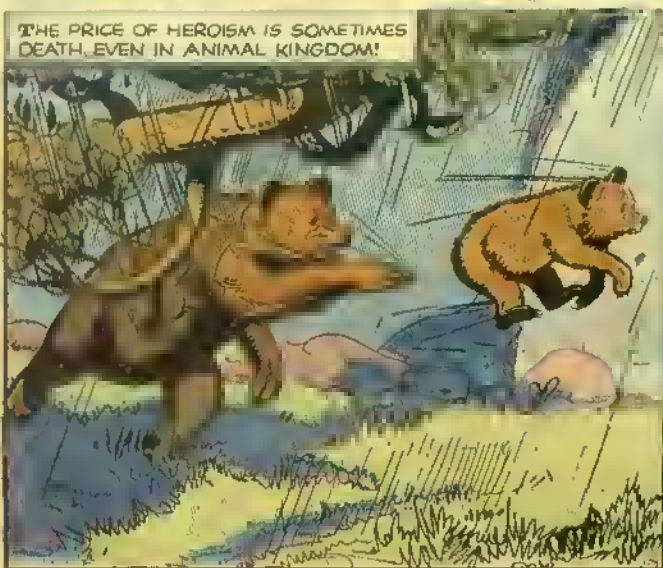
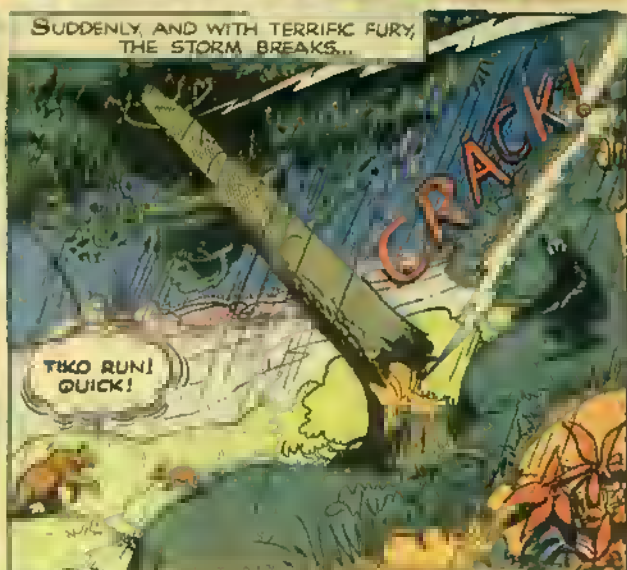
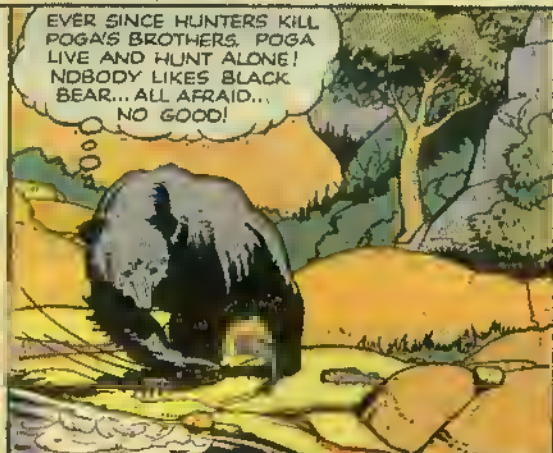
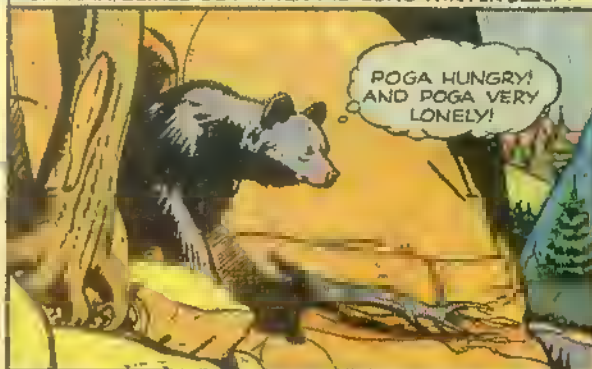
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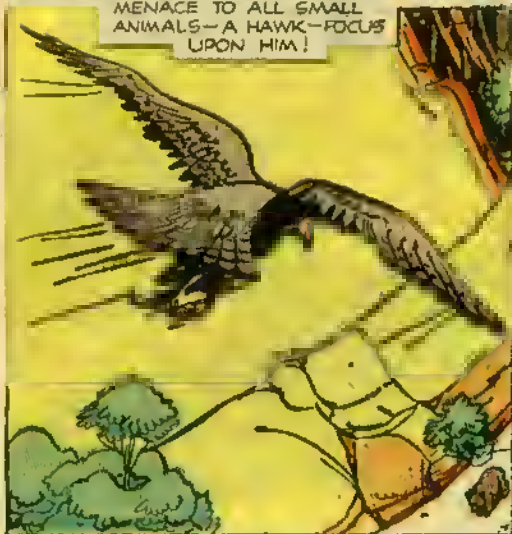
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LITTLE ORPHANED TIKO, HEARTSICK AND FRIGHTENED, WANDERS AIMLESSLY! TWO UNFRIENDLY EYES BELONGING TO THAT DEADLY MENACE TO ALL SMALL ANIMALS--A HAWK--FOCUS UPON HIM!



BUT TWO FRIENDLY EYES ARE ALSO UPON TIKO AS THE POWERFUL BIRD OF PREY SWOOPS FOR THE KILL!



SWIFT IS THE HAWK-- BUT SWIFT ALSO IS AN ANGRY BEAR!



BEFORE TIKO'S VICIOUS ENEMY CAN GET AWAY, A LIGHTNING BLOW FROM POGA SEVERES A CRUEL CLAW AND THE TERRIFIED CUB FALLS UNHARMED!



MOURNFULLY, BUT GRATEFUL, LITTLE TIKO FOLLOWS HIS DELIVERER HOME!

TIKO IS WELCOME-- POGA IS LONELY AS LITTLE CINNAMON CUB... TIKO AND POGA NOW BROTHERS!

TIKO NEVER SAW A BLACK BEAR BEFORE!



FOR TWO YEARS POGA AND TIKO ROAM THE WILD REGION TOGETHER! POGA TEACHES TIKO TO HUNT AND FISH WHILE TIKO GROWS BIGGER THAN POGA! NEVER DOES THE CINNAMON TIKO FORGET THAT HE OWES HIS VERY LIFE TO POGA-- AND ALWAYS HE LONGS FOR A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE... TILL ONE DAY...

HOLLOW TREE, TIKO! MAYBE BEE TREE... HONEY INSIDE! COME, YOUNG ONE!

POGA OLDER BUT MORE FOOLISH! BEE BUILD HIGH-- AND POGA TOO CLOSE TO CLIFF! LOOK, CUM! ROTTEN TREE BREAKING!



THE ROTTEN LOG DOES BREAK. POGA TOPPLES OVER THE CLIFF AND HURTLES DOWN... STARTLING A BIG BULL INTO INSTANT RANGE!

POGA, TIKO'S FRIEND AND BROTHER, WILL BE KILLED!



NOW TIKO CAN FIGHT AND MAYBE DIE FOR POGA!



IN A FLASH TIKO REMEMBERS HOW POGA SAVED HIM FROM A HORRIBLE DEATH...AND THE NEXT MOMENT THE BIG CINNAMON COMES ROLLING AND BOUNDING DOWN... DIVERTING THE MAD BULL'S CHARGE... TO HIMSELF!

LONG AND TERRIBLE THE FIGHT RAGES BETWEEN THE RENDING, RIPPING HORNS OF THE HUGE CHARGING BULL AND THE SLEDGE-HAMMER BLOWS OF THE BIG CINNAMON BEAR!



...TILL FINALLY TIKO, AVOIDING A VICIOUS CHARGE, SWINGS ONE HUGE PAW WITH TERRIFIC FORCE AND THE MONSTER BULL FALLS DEAD WITH A BROKEN NECK!



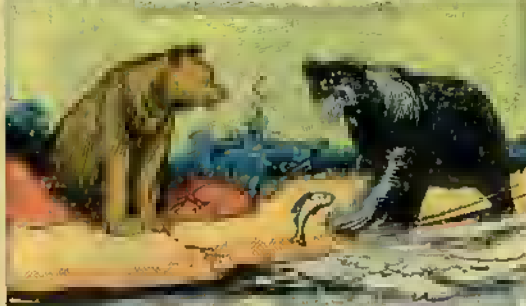
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BUT FOR TIKO, POGA DEAD!

TWO SUMMER PASSED SINCE POGA. "SAVE TIKO FROM EAGLE CLAW... TIKO WAIT LONG TO REPAY!"



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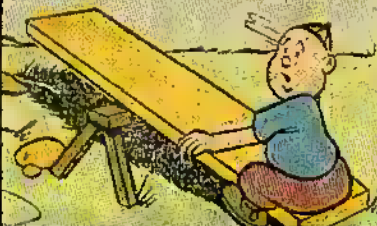
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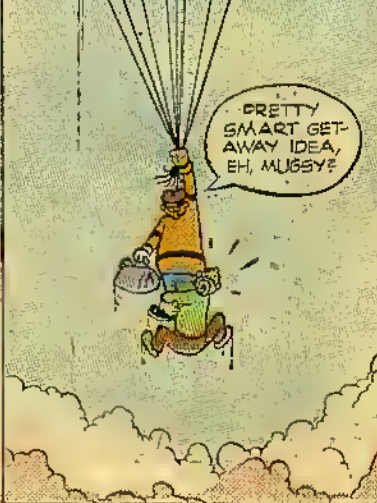
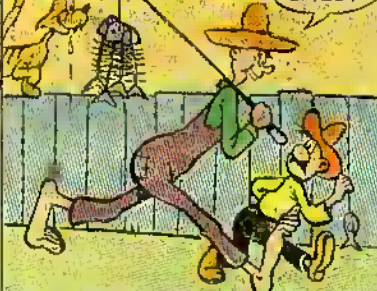
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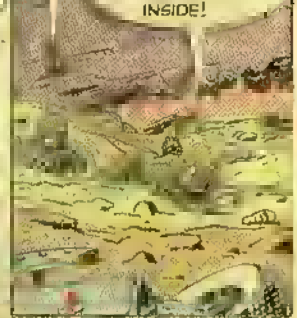


THIS MAKES THE THIRD CARAVAN OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES THEY'VE ATTACKED THIS WEEK!

YEAH, THEY SURE... LOOK! SOMETHING JUST DROPPED FROM THE LEAD PLANE!

WHAT IS IT, BOB?

LOOKS LIKE A... ROLLED UP PIECE OF PAPER! I CAN REACH IT, I THINK! MUST BE WEIGHTED INSIDE!



IT'S THE SAME GUY THAT PULLED ALL THOSE OTHER RAIDERS! HE DROPS ONE OF THESE MEMENTOS EACH TIME!

THE LOUSY...

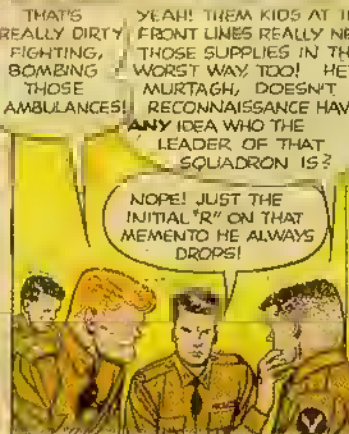
THAT'S REALLY DIRTY FIGHTING, BOMBING THOSE AMBULANCES!

YEAH! THEM KIDS AT THE FRONT LINES REALLY NEED THOSE SUPPLIES IN THE WORST WAY TOO! HEY, MURTAGH, DOESN'T ANY IDEA WHO THE LEADER OF THAT SQUADRON IS?

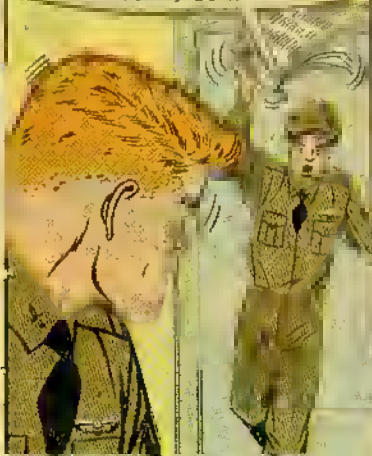
NOPE! JUST THE INITIAL "R" ON THAT MEMENTO HE ALWAYS DROPS!

WHAT A PRIZE INSULT THAT THING IS! WOULDN'T I LOVE TO GET THAT STINKER ALONE FOR FIVE MINUTES! THAT'S ALL I ASK!

WONDER WHERE HE OPERATES FROM, ANYWAY! NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO INTERCEPT HIM YET! HE SHOWS UP OUT OF NOWHERE!



GET A LOAD OF THIS! IT'S AN ENEMY SATELLITE NEWSPAPER-DATED LAST THURSDAY! ONE OF THE NATIVES JUST SMUGGLED IT IN! LORD KNOWS HOW HE GOT IT, BUT...



...THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT! IT'S GOT AN ACCOUNT OF THAT RAID LAST WEEK ON THOSE SIX AMBULANCES, WHEN ALL THE MEDICOS WERE KILLED! OH, THEY WRITE IT UP BIG! THEY GIVE A LOT OF SPACE TO THAT MOMENTO-MAD LEADER, AND NOT ONLY THAT! THEY RUN A PICTURE OF THE GUY!



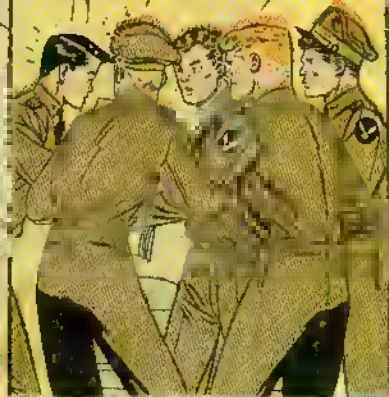
THEY DO?

WHAT? LET'S SEE!

HO-LY SMOKE!! I KNOW THAT SLOB!

WHAT? MURTAGH, ARE YOU NUTS?

HOW COULD YOU KNOW HIM, TOMMY?



THAT TOMMY'S SCREWY, I TELL YA! HE YELLS, "I KNOW HIM" AN RUSHES OUT LIKE A HORSE THIEF!

HE WENT TO HIS LOCKER... HEY, HERE HE COMES BACK!

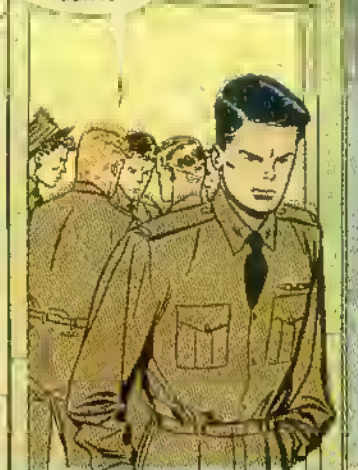
I KNEW HIM BACK AT BARDOLPH FIELD! WAIT A MINUTE! YEAH, HERE IT IS!



SEE HIM, HOT ROCK? BACK ROW...THE LEFT! HIS NAME'S RATNIK! YEAH, THAT'S HIM, YUSOF RATNIK! THERE WERE SEVEN OR EIGHT EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM OVERSEAS THAT YEAR! THEY WERE OKAY, TOO! BUT THIS CRUMB...



RATNIK... RATNIK... YEP! THE NAME CHECKS, ALL RIGHT!



ALL THOSE AMBULANCES AN' DOCTORS...HE ALWAYS HAD A VICIOUS STREAK, THE SKUNK! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO GET MY HANDS ON HIM!

I GOT AN IDEA...



YEAH, AL, THERE'S A LITTLE...ER...WELL THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN THE ENGINE THAT DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT! IT'S A SORT OF A...LET ME TAKE HER UP AN' CIRCLE A COUPLE OF TIMES! I'LL PUT MY FINGER ON IT!

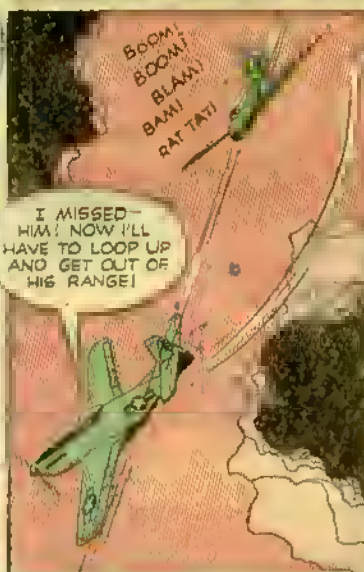
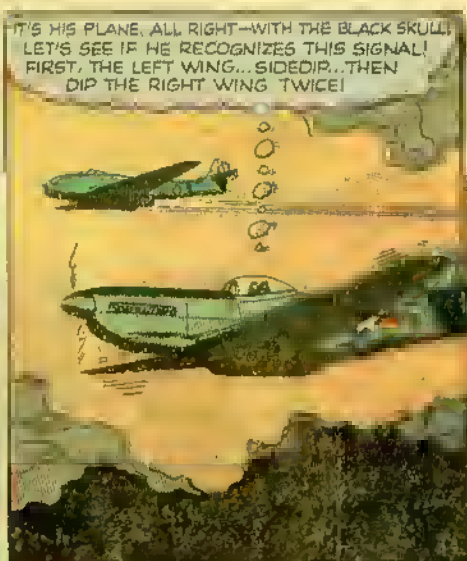


O-KAY, TOMMY...HEY!! HELP ME WHEEL OUT NUMBER 4!

RRR
SOUNDS OKAY TO ME...
RRR



RRRROOOAAAAARRR!



...SO, INSTEAD OF JUST CIRCLING THE FIELD, HE HEADED OFF TO THE NORTH AND HASN'T COME BACK YET! AL DIDN'T REPORT IT RIGHT AWAY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET TOMMY IN A JAM, BUT NOW HE FIGURES HE MAY HAVE RUN INTO TROUBLE! I JUST SAW THE OLD MAN, AND HE SAID, OKAY, GO FIND HIM!



EVERY MAN'S ON HIS OWN! KEEP ONE EYE ON THE GROUND! HE MAY BE DOWN SOMEWHERE! IN FACT, HE MUST BE! HIS FUEL COULDN'T LAST THIS LONG! IF YOU SPOT ANYTHING, MOVE ON DOWN FOR A CLOSER LOOK, BUT USE CAUTION! THERE MAY BE ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS HIDDEN THROUGH HERE!



LOOKS LIKE A CRACK-UP DOWN THERE...AND SOMETHING WHITE IN THOSE TREES! LET'S GO DOWN!



TOMMY... SOMEBODY FILLED HIM FULL OF BULLETS!

YEAH, THREE GUESSES, HOT ROCK!



NEXT DAY, BACK AT THE BASE...

I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND! THAT KID HANGIN' THERE! THE DIRTY...ROTTEN...MURDERING...

YEAH, HOT ROCK! WE KNOW BUT DON'T FORGET WHAT THE COLONEL SAID ABOUT DOIN' ANYTHING RASH!

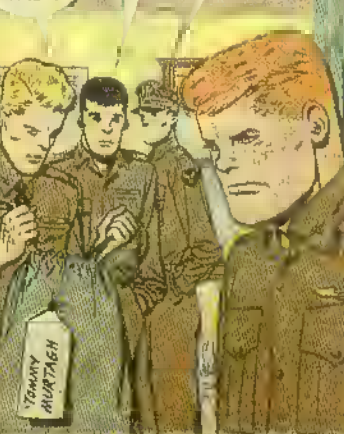
EASY DOES IT, HOT ROCK!



HE... DIDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF TO PACK!

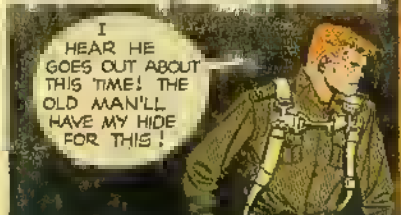
YEAH... WHO WROTE TO HIS WIFE?

WALT! HE KNEW HIM AS WELL AS ANYBODY!



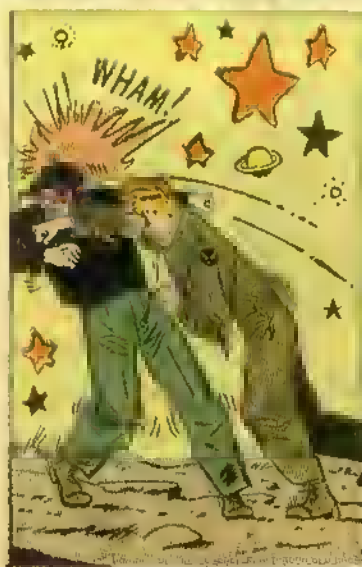
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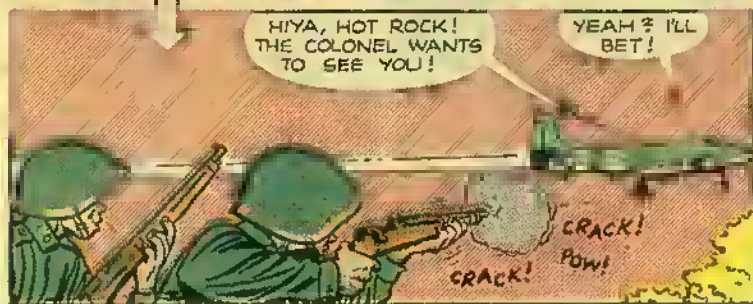
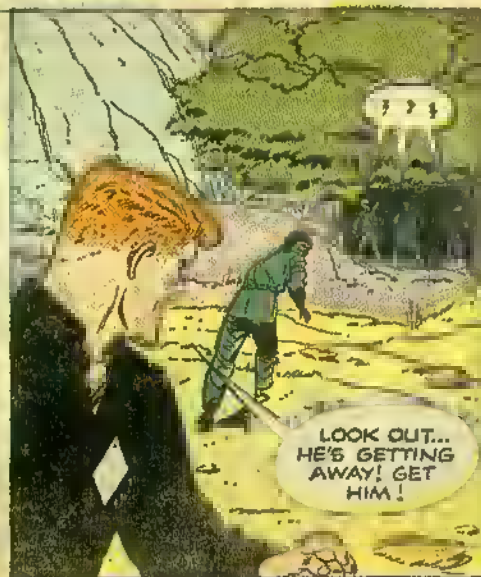
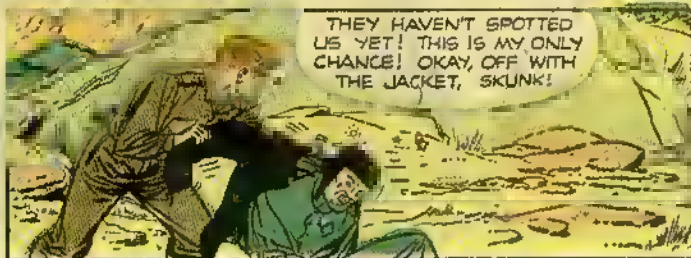
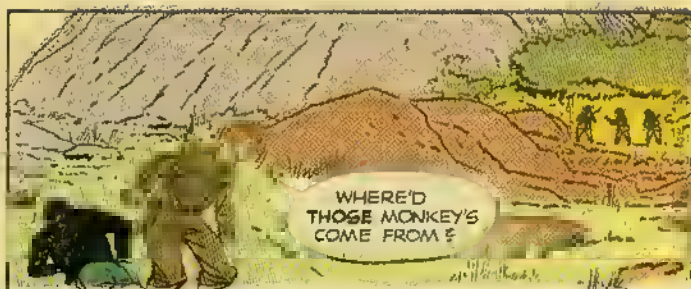
I HEAR HE GOES OUT ABOUT THIS TIME! THE OLD MAN'LL HAVE MY HIDE FOR THIS!



THERE'S A PLANE NOW! IT MUST BE THAT SCUM! IT'S GOT TO BE! IT'S GOT TO BE!







FLANAGAN, I WARNED YOU PLANE JOCKEYS NOT TO DO ANYTHING RASH! AND YOU TURN AROUND AND DELIBERATELY DISOBEY MY ORDERS! IF THERE'S ONE THING I WON'T TOLERATE, IT'S...

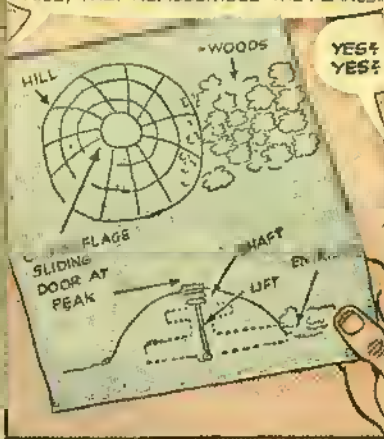
YES, SIR, COLONEL, BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING! I THINK I'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET AIR BASE THOSE GUYS HAVE BEEN USING!



YOU WHAT? YES, SIR! MY GUESS IS THAT THERE'S AN AIR BASE CONCEALED UNDER THAT HILL I HAD TO BAIL OUT OVER! THE GROUND AT THE FOOT IS WOODED FOR MILES TO THE NORTHEAST! IT MAKES A PERFECT NATURAL SCREEN FOR PLANE TRANSPORT WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED



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YES! YES!

...A HYDRAULIC LIFT TAKES THE PLANES UP A SHAFT TO THE PEAK, WHICH ALSO SLIDES OPEN, AN THEY TAKE OFF BY CATAPULT! NO WONDER OUR RECONNAISSANCE PLANES COULDN'T FIND THEM!

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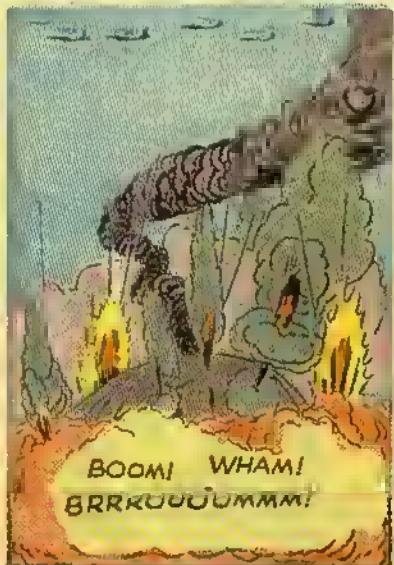


I'M SURE OF IT, COLONEL! BEING ON THE GROUND, I COULD SEE QUITE A BIT OF CAMOUFLAGE WIRE NETTING!

YES! YES! I WANT A DETACHMENT OF HEAVY BOMBERS TO ERASE A HILL... WHAT?... OF COURSE I'M SERIOUS, YOU...



AND "OPERATION TOMMY MURTAGH" ROARS TO THE DESTINATION!



BOOM! WHAM! BRRKUUUMMM!

BY GOSH, HOT ROCK WAS RIGHT! LOOK DOWN THERE!

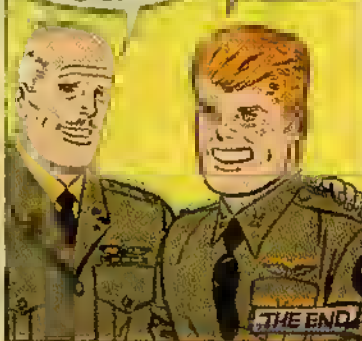


AS YOUR COLONEL, I MUST REPRIMAND YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID, BUT AS A MAN I GIVE YOU CREDIT!

WHAT IS MY PUNISHMENT, SIR?

WELL, I HAD YOU DOWN FOR A TWO WEEKS PASS, BUT YOU'VE GOT ONE!

GEE, THANKS, COLONEL!



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75. Men's Ring—Sparkling simulated diamond. White or yellow gold color effect (11 kt. stone).



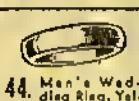
68. Men's Ring—Sparkling simulated diamond. White or yellow gold color effect.



66. Men's Ring—Sparkling simulated diamond—smaller stones on each side. White or yellow gold color effect.



73. Ladies' Cameo Ring. Yellow gold color effect.



44. Men's Wedding Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, at sterling effect.



39. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. 3 sparkling simulated diamonds. White gold color effect.



53. Egyptian Ring—unusual design. Very odd.



64. Men's simulated large square set in rubber, also simulated colored stones. Yellow gold color effect.



74. Men's Ring—brilliant simulated diamond. Yellow gold color effect. Gypsy setting.



38. Ladies' Solitaire Ring. Center stone is oval. Also diamond set. Solid sterling silver mounting.



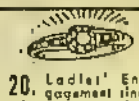
23. Ladies' Engagement Ring, especially brilliant simulated diamond. Tiffany Style setting. White or yellow gold color effect.



33. Large Ladies' Ring. Simulated diamond—2 smaller stones on each side. Yellow or white gold color effect.



58. Ladies' Head Ring. Head is stamped in gold leaf.



20. Ladies' Engagement Ring with 5 brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



57. Hand Carved Ring—Ladies' Head.



70. Men's Ring—fine simulated diamond. Yellow gold color effect.



10. Child's Signet Ring. Yellow or white gold color effect at Sterling Silver.



7. Love & Friendship Ring. Solid sterling silver with 2 hearts linked. Fashionable design.



60. Ladies' Engagement Ring set with large center simulated diamond and small stones on each side. Yellow or white gold color effect.



18. Ladies' Birthstone Ring. White or yellow gold color effect or sterling silver. Give month of birth for proper stone color.



67. Men's Ring—large brilliant simulated white diamond. White gold color effect.



12. Men's Ring with simulated diamond in square mounting. Yellow or white gold color effect.



35. Men's Signet Ring. White gold color effect at sterling silver.



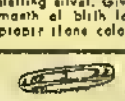
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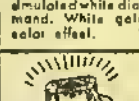
4. Friendship Ring—solid sterling silver. Small popular Sweetheart design.



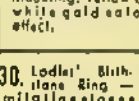
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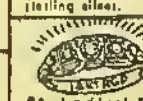
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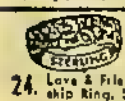
30. Ladies' Birthstone Ring—imitation stones come in all colors. Sterling silver mounting. Stamped in Ring. Stone color as stone desired.



61. Ladies' Engagement Ring with 5 large brilliant simulated diamonds. Yellow gold color effect.



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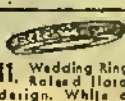
24. Love & Friendship Ring. Solid sterling silver. Beautifully engraved. Also used as Wedding Ring.



37. Love & Friendship Ring. Chained design—also used as wedding ring. Yellow or white gold color effect, at sterling silver.



5. Men's Ring with single sparkling simulated diamond—yellow gold color effect.



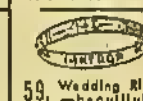
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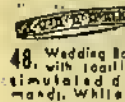
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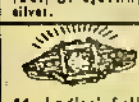
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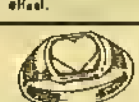
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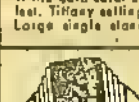
41. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with large center simulated diamond and 2 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



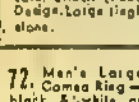
45. Cameo Nut Ring. Hand Carved. Set with simulated pearl. (Cameo in various designs.)



77. Ladies' Engagement Ring. Simulated diamond with smaller stones on each side. White gold color effect.



72. Men's Large Cameo Ring—black & white or brown & white stone. White gold color effect, at sterling silver.



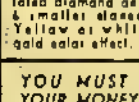
72. Men's Large Cameo Ring—black & white or brown & white stone. White gold color effect, at sterling silver.



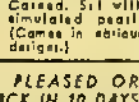
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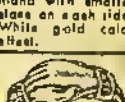
65. Extra Large Dinner Ring—yellow gold plate over sterling silver. Stone comes in all colors.



41. Ladies' Solitaire Ring with large center simulated diamond and 2 smaller stones. Yellow or white gold color effect.



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42. Hand Clove Ring. Love & Friendship Ring. Ring is stamped in gold leaf. Made of sterling silver.



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HE FIDDLED WHILE JEROME BURNED

CRIMEBUSTER had always been interested in Phil Hardy. Hardy was scarcely the right name for a boy so frail, for a boy who had suffered such a long illness in childhood. Yet Hardy was a good name for him, when you considered his long pull back to normalcy and the will with which he faced his classmates who were stronger and unwittingly cruel about his health. Phil was a slight boy with a shock of unruly straw colored hair. He had big blue eyes which shone expressively through his glasses.

Crimebuster sat in the school auditorium and mused about Phil. He was here today to witness Phil's debut before an audience. Phil had practiced on his violin diligently, yet still felt unprepared to enter the contest.

Phil had always had an ear for music. After his illness, with the encouragement of Crimebuster, he longed to develop his latent talent. Because he was unable to participate in sports and strenuous activities he was determined to find the proper outlet for his energy.

Few, aside from Crimebuster, had known for all these years that Phil had taken up the violin. Of course, Phil's parents and his teacher knew, but Phil had not been ready to mention it around school. At first he had approached his lessons with little thought as to the opinions of others. One day, in fact, the first day he took a lesson, he carried his violin to school. That was the first and last time.

After school, that day of his first lesson, violin case in hand, Phil walked by a vacant lot where some of the boys were practicing football. Jerome Davis, the biggest of the boys, was the best player. Phil watched him, not without envy, but at the same time with great admiration for his athletic prowess. Jerome could barrel through the opposing line like a young bull and leave the others stunned. Phil could not help but cheer him on as he stood watching the game. As Phil cheered, Jerome finally noticed him, watching from the sidelines.

"Listen to fancy-pants," jeered Jerome. "Look at that fiddle, will you? If he tried to play football he'd trip over that long hair!"

All of the boys laughed at the poor joke and

Phil, hurt and without retort, turned his back and walked away. Never again did he carry his violin to school.

Jerome became the athletic hero of the school. He was the star football player, the ace at basketball; no one was his equal. Jerome, though the hero of the school was not really popular. His popularity had grown because the other boys feared him. He was strong and he was a leader, that is, if the others didn't follow they would be very sorry. Jerome seemed to need someone to pick on, to jeer at. He always chose someone weaker than himself; consequently his jeers often turned to Phil. Phil took the snide remarks well, usually by ignoring them outwardly. However there was a deep inner hurt that he'd learned to hide. Phil learned to express himself through his music, realizing that any counterplay in the face of Jerome or the other boys at school would be of no avail.

Not that Phil didn't try to approach Jerome by friendliness many times, but the remarks he received finally made him stop trying. The last attempt he made was only a few months ago when the team was setting off to a neighboring town for a football game. Phil approached Jerome, held out his hand and said, "Good luck, Jerome. We all expect a victory."

Jerome refused his hand, laughed and retorted, "Expect a victory! You're a big help sitting back and *expecting* a victory. You remember what they said about Nero? He fiddled while Rome burned. Ha! Ha! That's you!"

At that he looked around to see how his audience responded to his "witty" remarks and of course, they laughed and thought he was great, afraid to do otherwise.

Phil swallowed his pride and left but was determined never to try again. He concentrated even harder on his music, learned fast and found it a great release.

A few days ago, as Crimebuster was talking to Looover, Phil walked into the office. His blue eyes were burning with excitement, his straw blond hair was tousled and he was breathless as he spoke.

"C.B.," he said excitedly, "today at school they

announced tryouts for the State Music Festival. Winners from here will go to the State Festival, and the final winner there will be given a scholarship to a leading musical college."

"Well," answered Crimebuster, "what's holding you back? You are going to enter, aren't you?"

"Oh, C.B.," he answered, "I want to but you know, the same old fear. I've taken so much ribbing from Jerome, that this would be the final blow. I've tried to ignore it, I've tried to overcome it, but as you know I can't. It's a constant thorn in my side. If I enter the contest, if I lose, or even if I *win* he'll ride me."

"I understand," answered Crimebuster. "But, regardless of the consequences this is something you must do."

"I will, C.B., I *must*," solemnly answered Phil, a determined look in his eye.

All these thoughts came back to Crimebuster as he sat waiting for the contest to start. While he watched the students file in he recalled having seen Jerome standing in the hall. Jerome was surrounded by his usual admirers, talking in a loud voice. Crimebuster overheard him say, "A music contest. Isn't that *too* sweet. Come on boys, let's all get in the act. Joe, you warble in your most soothing soprano and I'll accompany you on my harp. Maybe Jim and Bob will put on their special little piccolo duet. Ha! ha! I think I'll ditch assembly today. I can't put up with this silly stuff."

Crimebuster noticed now that in spite of all Jerome's loud talking, he was sitting in assembly with the rest of his class. He looked bored and restless as if he could hardly endure such torture.

The curtains opened and the principal stepped on stage announcing the objectives of the contest and named the judges: school, local and state musicians and teachers. The first contestant was announced, the audience courteously quieted down and courteously listened. A girl with a sweet but untrained soprano voice sang. While she was singing, Crimebuster overheard Jerome say as he switched around in his seat and spoke to the boy beside him, "Isn't this touching?"

Pianists, cellists, flutist and even a bass fiddler appeared during the course of the contest. At last, the principal came forward and announced, with a knowing twinkle in his eye, that an unknown contestant would now appear. He was **not really unknown** as everyone knew him but

very few knew that he played the violin or if they knew, they didn't know he played so well.

Phil appeared nervously before the audience, a shock of blond hair falling over his forehead. Crimebuster swallowed a lump in his throat and silently wished Phil's nervousness would vanish. Again Crimebuster heard Jerome address his companion in a harsh whisper, "Well, if it isn't four eyes. I can't wait!"

Phil lifted his violin under his chin and drew his bow. There was a silence in the audience as the first dulcet sound came from the instrument. At the moment of the first note, Phil's nervousness disappeared. He lost himself in the music; he gave the violin his complete attention; he drew from the instrument everything it had to give; his touch was light; the tones were sweet. He had the audience spellbound. They seemed to soar along with the sound he produced. When he came to the end of his piece, the instrument dropped with his arm to his side as if exhausted. There was a dead silence in the audience as if they had not yet come back to earth, then suddenly, with a deafening roar the applause started, not only applause but whistles, cheers, and all rose as one to their feet in tribute to Phil.

Crimebuster again looked toward Jerome but to his surprise saw that he had disappeared. As Crimebuster turned he saw Jerome bolt out the side door of the auditorium, a look of chagrin and defeat on his face. Jerome's companion was with the audience, on his feet, cheering and clapping enthusiastically.

The principal appeared on the stage again and tried to quiet the clamor. Finally successful, he announced, "I don't have to name the winner to you. You, as well as the judges, have chosen Phil Hardy as your representative to the State Festival."

After Crimebuster left the auditorium, he finally found Phil surrounded and almost crushed by his friends congratulating him. Among them were many who usually were congratulating Jerome whom they had deserted for their new-found hero.

Crimebuster curiously looked for Jerome but he was nowhere in sight. Finally through a window, he caught sight of Jerome, shoulders hunched and head forward, walking away from school, deserted and alone, his glory a thing of the past.

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THERE'S A GARAGE DOWN THE ROAD ABOUT A MILE, I THINK! THEY COULD FIX IT! YOU'LL HAVE TO REPLACE THESE NUTS AND BOLTS AND MAYBE DRILL SOME NEW HOLES IN THE WHEEL DRUM BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG!

SWELL! IN THAT CASE, I'LL GO AFTER A MECHANIC!



I JUST REMEMBERED - IT'S SATURDAY AFTERNOON! THERE'S NO MECHANIC ON DUTY!

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP HIM NOW! HE MUST BE HALFWAY THERE! MAYBE WE COULD FIX IT FOR HIM!



LUCKY I WAS ABLE TO FIND ENOUGH EXTENSION CORDS TO MAKE THE DRILL REACH THIS FAR! AS IT WAS, I HAD TO SPICE A COUPLE OF WIRES!

I FOUND FIVE NUTS AND BOLTS! THAT SHOULD HOLD THAT WHEEL, SO WE'RE ALL SET!



YOU GAVE ME A BUM STEER, KIDS! THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE GARAGE TO WORK ON THE CAR! I GUESS I'M STUCK!

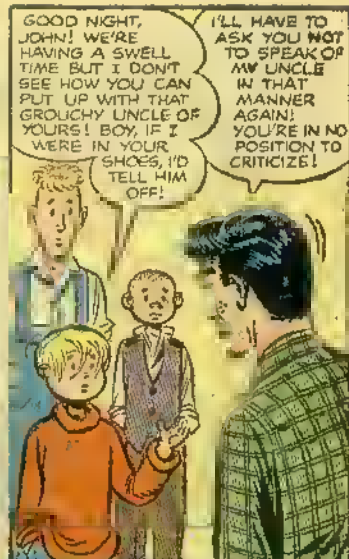
GUESS AGAIN!



I'LL BE DARNED! YOU FIXED IT! THANKS! IT WOULD HAVE COST AT LEAST TEN DOLLARS TO HAVE IT FIXED! WILL YOU TAKE IT?

NO, THANKS, MISTER! WE DON'T WANT TO BE PAID - BUT YOU COULD RETURN THE FAVOR, IF YOU'D LET US BORROW YOUR SKIS - JUST LONG ENOUGH TO TRY THEM OUT!

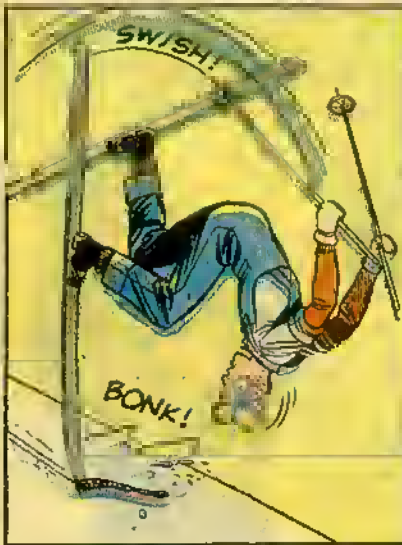








THAT
MUST'VE BEEN
MR. CARSON
WHO FELL!



HECK! I WAS DOING FINE
TILL I HIT THAT THING!
WHAT WAS IT?



A BLACKJACK! HOW DID THAT GET HERE? A
WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF SNOW AND I HAVE TO
STUMBLE ON IT! I REALLY MUST BE JINXED!
GEE, I'D BETTER CATCH UP WITH
THE OTHERS!



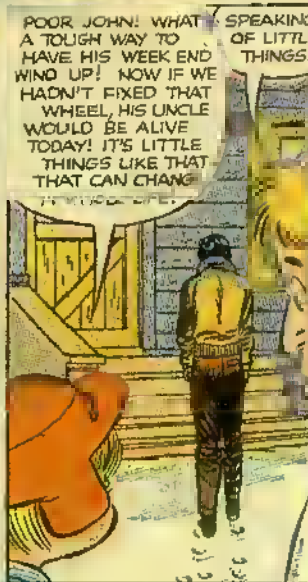
DID THEY FIND
MR. CARSON? IS
HE ALIVE?

NO, SCARECROW! HE
MUST HAVE DIED
INSTANTLY! THE POLICE
ARE HERE NOW! LET'S
GO INSIDE!



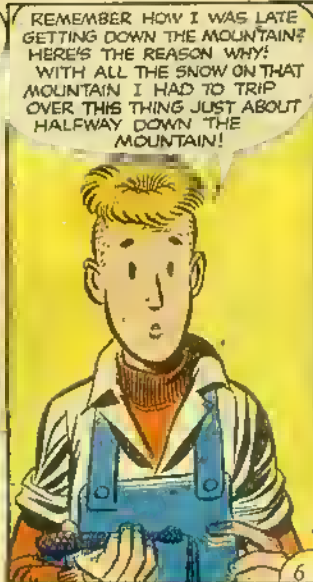
THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS
LISTED YOUR UNCLE'S DEATH AS
ACCIDENTAL AND SAYS THERE IS
NO NEED FOR AN AUTOPSY, SO
FROM OUR STANDPOINT, THE CASE
IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED! YOU HAVE
MY SYMPATHY, SIR! IT MUST
HAVE BEEN A DREADFUL
SHOCK!

Y..YES...A
TERRIBLE
SHOCK! HE
WAS RIGHT
BESIDE ME
ONE MINUTE,
AND THEN HE
WAS GONE!



POOR JOHN! WHAT
A TOUGH WAY TO
HAVE HIS WEEK END
WIND UP! NOW IF WE
HADN'T FIXED THAT
WHEEL, HIS UNCLE
WOULD BE ALIVE
TODAY! IT'S LITTLE
THINGS LIKE THAT
THAT CAN CHANGE

SPEAKING
OF LITTLE
THINGS..



REMEMBER HOW I WAS LATE
GETTING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN?
HERE'S THE REASON WHY!
WITH ALL THE SNOW ON THAT
MOUNTAIN I HAD TO TRIP
OVER THIS THING JUST ABOUT
HALFWAY DOWN THE
MOUNTAIN!



SCARECROW, YOU DOPE! WHY DIDN'T YOU MENTION THAT WHEN THE POLICE WERE HERE?

SURE! SOMEONE IN OUR PARTY MUST HAVE DROPPED IT! NO ONE ELSE HAD BEEN UP THERE! MAYBE JOHN'S UNCLE DIDN'T FALL BY ACCIDENT!



MY BLACKJACK!! I MUST'VE LOST IT ON THE WAY DOWN! I BETTER GO BACK AND TRY TO FIND IT!



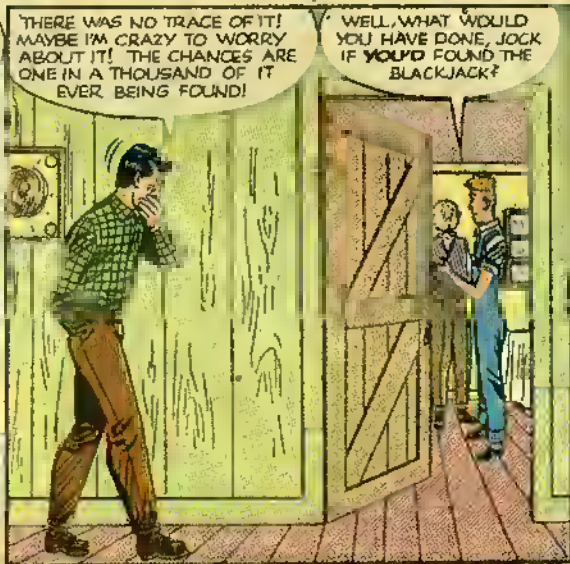
JOHN! WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU BE HEADED BACK UP THE MOUNTAIN AT THIS HOUR? ARE YOU CRAZY?

UH...WHY...NO! NO, I JUST WANTED TO SKI A LITTLE ON THE LOWER LEVER TO STEADY MY NERVES!



OH, WHILE I THINK OF IT, I THINK IN RESPECT TO UNCLE'S MEMORY WE SHOULD CLOSE UP THE LODGE FOR A MONTH! WILL YOU EXPLAIN TO THE GUESTS AND THEN YOU MAY AS WELL RETURN TO THE CITY, TOO! I'LL TAKE THE WISE GUYS BACK WITH ME!

ALL RIGHT JOHN! I GUESS THAT IS A GOOD IDEA! I'LL TAKE OFF TONIGHT IN THAT CASE!



THERE WAS NO TRACE OF IT! MAYBE I'M CRAZY TO WORRY ABOUT IT! THE CHANCES ARE ONE IN A THOUSAND OF IT EVER BEING FOUND!

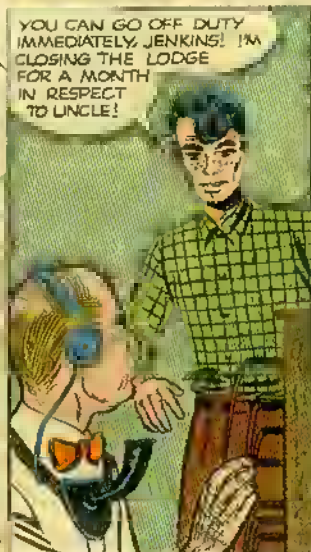
WELL, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE, JOCK IF YOU'D FOUND THE BLACKJACK?



THEY FOUND IT! THEN THEY MUST SUSPECT ME!

YOU KNOW WHAT I'D DO? I'D CALL THE POLICE AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!

BUT THE CALL HAS TO GO THROUGH THE LODGE SWITCH-BOARD! THE KILLER MIGHT OVERHEAR YOU!



YOU CAN GO OFF DUTY IMMEDIATELY, JENKINS! I'M CLOSING THE LODGE FOR A MONTH IN RESPECT TO UNCLE!



HELLO-HELLO, OPERATOR? GIVE ME THE POLICE! HEY! THAT'S FUNNY! I HAD A LIVE LINE AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT WENT DEAD...JUST AS IF THE LINE HAD BEEN CUT!



LOOK HERE, PEE WEE, IF YOU REALLY THINK JOHN'S UNCLE WAS MURDERED, WHO MURDERED HIM? JOHN?

NOT JOHN! WHY HE LIKED HIS UNCLE, AND BESIDES HE'S TOO SWEET A GUY! NO, I THINK IT'S MARTIN! MAYBE THEY DISAGREED OVER THEIR PARTNERSHIP OR SOMETHING!



I THINK PEE WEE HAS SOMETHING THERE! MARTIN COULD HAVE LOTS OF MOTIVES... PERSONAL HATE... BUSINESS... IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MR. CARGON MADE HIM MAD THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN HE CALLED MARTIN A LIAR! LET'S GO TELL JOHN!



... AND HERE'S THE 'BLACKJACK!' I'LL BET ANYTHING THAT MARTIN HIT YOUR UNCLE AND SHOVED HIM OFF THE CLIFF WHEN YOUR BACK WAS TURNED! DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER CALL THE POLICE?

I... I ALREADY HAVE! YOU SEE, I SUSPECTED HIM, BUT I HAD NO PROOF... WHEN HE LEFT IN SUCH A RUSH, I CALLED THE POLICE TO STOP HIM!



BUT HOW COULD YOU HAVE CALLED! I TRIED TO, BUT THE LINES MUST HAVE BEEN CUT!

I CALLED BEFORE THEY WERE CUT - I GUESS MARTIN MUST HAVE DONE IT BEFORE HE LEFT! NOW LOOK, I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS FOR YOU TO PACK UP! I'LL TAKE YOU HOME! NO POINT IN YOUR BEING IN THIS!



THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS THAT PUZZLES ME!

THEY'RE PRETENDING THEY SUSPECT MARTIN! MAYBE THEY PLAN TO REPORT ME TO THE POLICE!



HERE WE ARE - ALL SET TO GO. HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF THAT GUN?

IT'S NO JOKE! I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN KIDDING ME! YOU KNOW IT WAS ME AND NOT MARTIN WHO KILLED UNCLE STEVE!



YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD GET TO THE POLICE WITH THE TRUTH, BUT I'M SMARTER THAN YOU FIGURED! NOW MARCH OUTSIDE TO THE TOOL SHED - ALL OF YOU!

THEN IT WAS YOU WHO KILLED YOUR UNCLE...



THERE! EACH OF YOU GRAB A SHOVEL AND START DIGGING! I'M GOING TO LET YOU DIG A DEEP HOLE!

WHAT FOR?

HE WANTS US TO DIG OUR OWN GRAVES!



MAYBE NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO US!

KEEP TALKING, PEE WEE! I HAVE A PLAN!

I GUESS THIS IS THE END! : SNIFF: SNIFF: I...I HOPE AFTER WE'RE DEAD, WE'LL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN SOMEHOW...



QUICK! GRAB HIM! GET HIS GUN!



I'VE GOT HIM!

HEY!

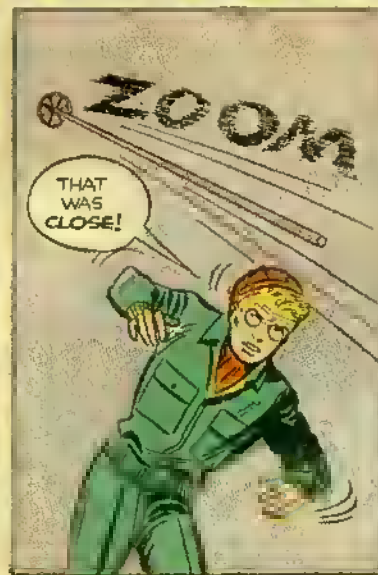


YOU BRATS! I SHOULD HAVE KILLED YOU THE MINUTE I FOUND OUT YOU KNEW!



I'LL GET THE TWO FACED SKUNK!

NO! WAIT, JOCK! LET'S SURROUND HIM FIRST!



ZOOM

THAT WAS CLOSE!

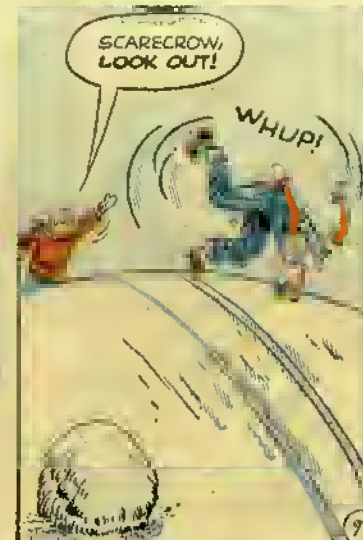


HE'S PUTTING ON HIS SKIS! HURRY!



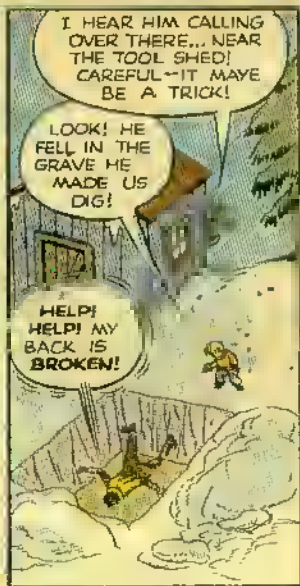
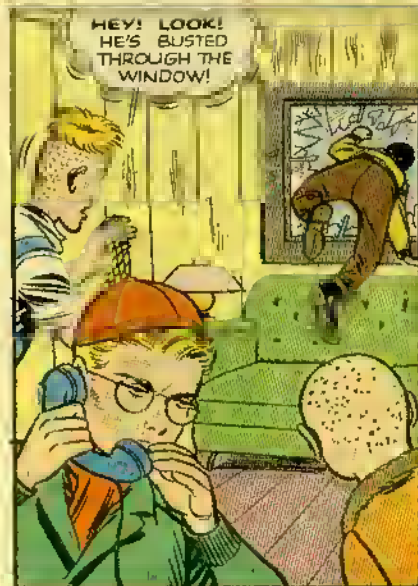
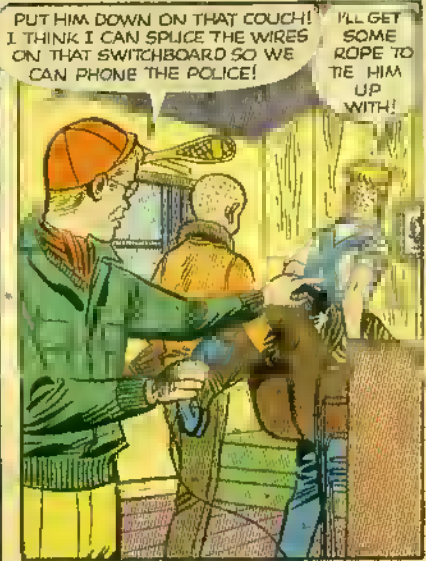
HECK, I ALMOST HAD HIM!

WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM NOW!



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The independence of Andorra dates back to the 8th century when it was under the feudal lordship of a family of Spanish counts. In 1170, the state was ceded to the Spanish counts of Castelbo by the Spanish counts of Urgel who controlled it. By marriage, the rights of the Spanish counts were transferred to the French count of Foix who married the heiress of the house of Castelbo. The Spanish bishop of Urgel claimed some rights to this state hence, by the Act of Division of 1278, control over the state was equally divided between the French count and the bishop of Urgel. Today the state is jointly controlled by the French government who inherited the count of Foix's claim and by the Spanish bishop of Urgel.

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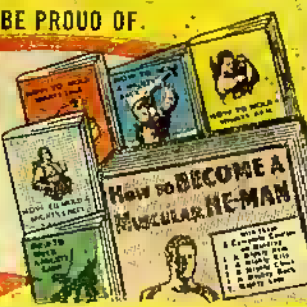
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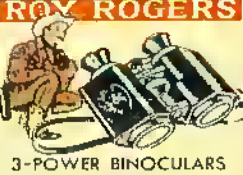
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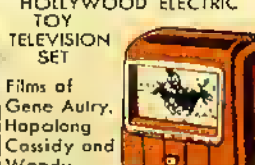
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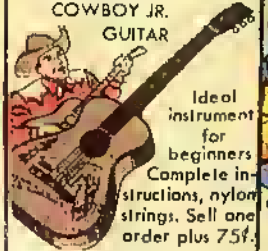
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